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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - PHILIPPINES

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/PHL - BENJAMIN A. FLECK

1. LOPEZ/OSMENA CASE (CONFIDENTIAL)

JAPAN AIR LINES HAS BEEN FINED DOLS 4000 BY THE CAB FOR TRANSPORTING THE LOPEZ/OSMENA PARTY FROM HONG KONG TO LOS ANGELES WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION. THE AIR LINE HAS 30 DAYS IN WHICH TO APPEAL, ACCORDING TO ITS ATTORNEY. MEANWHILE, IN HONG KONG, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED SO FAR TO RELEASE THE LIGHT AIRCRAFT IN WHICH THE PARTY MADE THEIR WAY FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO HONG KONG, PENDING CONFIRMATION OF ITS OWNERSHIP AND OF THE LEGITIMACY OF THE

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FERRY COMPANY WHICH WAS HIRED TO FERRY THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE UNITED STATES TO HONG KONG AND BACK. ACCORDING TO STEVE PSINAKIS, THE FERRY COMPANY IS ALSO BEING ASKED TO PAY PARKING FEES WHICH PSINAKIS CONSIDERS TO BE EXORBITANT. WE HAVE BEEN COORDINATING WITH ORM THE DRAFTING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION WITH REGARD TO THE ASYLUM REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY LOPEZ, OSMENA, AND ALMEDA-LOPEZ. THE

DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE TRANSMITTED TO INS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS FILMS (UNCLASSIFIED)

ON NOVEMBER 1, I LUNCHEDED WITH MSGR. HEHIR AND ED DOHERTY OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC COUNCIL. BEFORE LUNCH, WE VIEWED A BBC FILM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES. THIS FILM, WHICH IS ONE IN A 9-FILM SERIES, FEATURES INTERVIEWS WITH BISHOP CLAVER, FATHER REUTER (EDITOR OF A WEEKLY CLOSED BY THE GOP), AND DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE. THE CATHOLIC COUNCIL IS HOPING TO FIND A WAY (I.E., FINANCIAL BACKING) TO AIR THE ENTIRE SERIES (WHICH INCLUDES A FILM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA) ON AMERICAN TELEVISION.

3. VIEWS OF BISHOP CLAVER (CONFIDENTIAL)

MSGR. HEHIR REPORTED THAT BISHOP CLAVER IS CURRENTLY TOURING THE UNITED STATES BUT IS PURPOSELY KEEPING A LOW PROFILE AND IS STAYING AWAY FROM ANTI-MARCOS ORGANIZATIONS. HEHIR REPORTED THAT CLAVER EXPECTS A CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT CHURCH-STATE RELATIONSHIP IN THE PHILIPPINES, WITH NO INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE LEVEL OF GOP HARASSMENT. CLAVER TOLD HEHIR THAT USG REPRESENTATION ON HIS BEHALF AND INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF MRS. HERRERA

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HAD HAD A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON GOP OFFICIALS AND THAT AS A RESULT HE BELIEVES MARCOS WILL PROCEED WITH GREAT CAUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS.

4. IMELDA INAUGURATES MARCOS CHAIR AMID PROTESTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

ON OCTOBER 27, MRS. MARCOS INAUGURATED THE FERDINAND E. MARCOS CHAIR OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES AT THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, MORE THAN 100 DEMONSTRATORS WERE ON HAND TO PROTEST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND DENOUNCE THE UNIVERSITY FOR ACCEPTING THE DOLS 1.5 MILLION ENDOWMENT FROM THE MARCOS FOUNDATION.

5. FALSE ALARM KIDNAPPING (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

ON OCTOBER 28, THE OPERATIONS CENTER RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE WIFE OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO, REPORTING THAT THEIR DAUGHTER HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED. AFTER CHICAGO POLICE, THE FBI, AND THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY HAD BEEN NOTIFIED, THE GIRL WAS FOUND SAFE AND SOUND IN HER

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY. SY IS INVESTIGATING THE SOURCE OF
THE FALSE REPORT, A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE CONSUL GENERAL'S
WIFE ON THEIR UNLISTED NUMBER.

6. IMELDA'S TRAVEL PLANS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

ACCORDING TO SY, MRS. MARCOS PLANS TO LEAVE NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 2 FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND DEPART FOR MANILA ON
NOVEMBER 3. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL
NOTIFICATION OR REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES WHICH
WOULD CONFIRM THIS REPORT.

7. PLEASE NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION.

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